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TO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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TAGS: CASC, VS (LAFFIE, KIM NGO)

SUBJECT: AMERICANS IN VIET-NAM

1. AMCIT GLENN LAFFIE, RESIDING AT 974 E. 93RD ST.,
BROOKLYN, N.Y. 11326, HAS RECEIVED MESSAGE THROUGH RED
CROSS FROM HIS WIFE IN VIET-NAM, KIM NGO LAFFIE, STATING
THAT SHE AND TWO CHILDREN (BOTH BELIEVED TO BE AMCITS)
HAVE RECEIVED EXIT VISAS FROM VIETNAMESE AND REQUESTS
LAFFIE PROVIDE FUNDS FOR TRANSPORTATION. LAFFIE IS
PRESENTLY UNEMPLOYED AND HAS REQUESTED USG ASSISTANCE
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IN REPATRIATING FAMILY.

2. DEPT IS PREPARED TO GUARANTEE REPAYMENT TO GOF FOR TRAVEL OF MRS. LAFFIE AND TWO CHILDREN FROM SAIGON TO BANGKOK. ONWARD TRAVEL FROM BANGKOK TO US WILL PROBABLY BE FUNDED VIA ICEM RPT ICEM.

3. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY INQUIRING WITH FRENCH EMBASSY, UNHCR REP AND/OR ICRC BANGKOK AS TO WHAT WOULD BE MOST PRACTICAL MEANS OF INFORMING MRS. LAFFIE OF FRENCH EVACUATION FLIGHTS AND POSSIBLY THAT HER TRANSPORTATION CAN BE ARRANGED WITHOUT SENDING FUNDS DIRECTLY TO HER. (MRS. LAFFIE'S ADDRESS IN SAIGON, WHICH WE PRESUME ICRC

SAIGON HAS ON RECORD, IS 34-D (THIRD FLOOR) NGUYEN DUY DUONG, SAIGON 5.

4. ACCORDING TO HER HUSBAND, MRS. LAFFIE IS VIETNAMESE CITIZEN WHO WAS US PERMANENT RESIDENT PRIOR TO HER RETURN TO VIET-NAM IN 1973. THE TWO CHILDREN, GEORGE LISA LAFFIE (SIC), BORN 9/16/70 IN SAIGON AND LINA MARLINE LAFFIE, BORN 6/5/72 IN SAIGON, ARE BOTH AMERICAN CITIZENS.

5. FYI: INFORMAL CONTACT WITH INS INDICATES THAT IF FACTS OF RELATIONSHIP AND PREVIOUS ADMISSION TO US AS STATED ABOVE, IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO PAROLE MRS. LAFFIE INTO US RATHER THAN ISSUE IMMIGRANT VISA. KISSINGER

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